

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information providing system, comprising:
a database storing price information about objects
at a plurality of bases; and

5 display control means for displaying price
information about the objects at said plurality of
bases stored in said database on display means.

2. The system according to claim 1, wherein
10 said display control means displays unit price
information about the objects at said plurality of
bases.

3. The system according to claim 2, wherein
15 said display control means displays the unit price
information about the objects at the plurality of
bases, and a total quantity and/or a total amount of
money.

20 4. The system according to claim 2, wherein
said display control means displays an amount of
money based on a present currency of the bases.

25 5. The system according to claim 4, wherein
said display control means further displays an
exchange rate.

6. The system according to claim 2, wherein
said display control means displays a difference
in unit price among said plurality of bases.

5 7. The system according to claim 1, wherein
said display control means further displays cost
cutting information.

10 8. An information providing system, comprising:
a database storing parts information;
specifying means for specifying parts; and
control means for displaying the parts information
corresponding to the parts specified by said specifying
means after searching said database for the
15 information.

20 9. The system according to claim 8, wherein
said database stores electronic parts information
and/or mechanical parts information.

25 10. The system according to claim 8, wherein
said database stores at least one of catalog image
information, specification information, quality
approval information, and unit price information about
the parts.

11. The system according to claim 8, wherein

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said database stores information about
substitutable parts.

12. The system according to claim 8, wherein
5 said database stores product and parts
information; and

said control means displays information about a
product for which the parts specified by said
specifying means are used after searching said database
10 for the information.

13. The system according to claim 8, wherein
said database stores information about environment
of parts.

15 14. An information providing system, comprising:
a database storing material information;
specifying means for specifying material; and
control means for displaying material information
20 corresponding to the material specified by said
specifying means after searching said database for the
information.

15. The system according to claim 14, wherein
25 said database stores resin material information
and/or a mechanical parts material.

16. The system according to claim 14, wherein
said database stores amount-of-money information
and/or unit price information about materials.

5 17. The system according to claim 16, wherein
said amount-of-money information and/or unit price
information are stored for each base.

10 18. The system according to claim 14, wherein
said database stores weight information about
materials.

15 19. The system according to claim 14, wherein
said database stores material information and
products; and
said control means displays information about the
products in which the materials specified by said
specifying means are used after searching said database
for the information.

20 20. The system according to claim 14, wherein
said database stores at least one of specification
information, approved color information, and
environment information about materials.

25 21. An information providing method, comprising:
the step of storing price information about

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26. The method according to claim 22, wherein
said display controlling step displays a
difference in unit price among said plurality of bases.

5 28. An information providing method, comprising:
the step of storing parts information in a
database;

29. The method according to claim 28, wherein
15 said database stores electronic parts information
and/or mechanical parts information.

30. The method according to claim 28, wherein
said database stores at least one of catalog image
20 information, specification information, quality
approval information, and unit price information about
the parts.

31. The method according to claim 28, wherein
25 said database stores information about
 substitutable parts.

32. The method according to claim 28, wherein
said database stores product and parts
information; and

5 said controlling step displays information about a
product for which the parts specified in said
specifying step are used after searching said database
for the information.

10 33. The method according to claim 28, wherein
said database stores information about environment
of parts.

15 34. An information providing method, comprising:
the step of storing material information in a
database;
the specifying step of specifying material; and
the controlling step of displaying material
information corresponding to the material specified in
said specifying step after searching said database for
20 the information.

25 35. The method according to claim 34, wherein
said database stores resin material information
and/or a mechanical parts material.

36. The method according to claim 34, wherein
said database stores amount-of-money information

and/or unit price information about materials.

37. The method according to claim 36, wherein
said amount-of-money information and/or unit price
5 information are stored for each base.

38. The method according to claim 34, wherein said database stores weight information about materials.

39. The method according to claim 34, wherein
said database stores material information and
products; and

15 said controlling step displays information about
the products in which the materials specified in said
specifying step are used after searching said database
for the information.

40. The method according to claim 34, wherein
20 said database stores at least one of specification
information, approved color information, and
environment information about materials.

41. A computer-readable medium storing:
25 the step of storing price information about
objects at a plurality of bases in a database; and
the display controlling step of displaying price

42. The medium according to claim 41, wherein said display controlling step displays unit price information about the objects at said plurality of bases.

44. A computer-readable medium storing:
the step of storing parts information in a
database;
the specifying step of specifying parts; and
the controlling step of displaying the parts
information corresponding to the parts specified in
said specifying step after searching said database for
the information.

45. The medium according to claim 44, wherein
said database stores product and parts
information; and
said controlling step displays information about a

product for which the parts specified in said specifying step are used after searching said database for the information.

5 46. A computer-readable medium storing:
the step of storing material information in a database;

the specifying step of specifying material; and
the controlling step of displaying material
10 information corresponding to the material specified in said specifying step after searching said database for the information.

47. The medium according to claim 46, wherein
15 said database stores material information and products; and

said controlling step displays information about the products in which the materials specified in said specifying step are used after searching said database
20 for the information.